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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

"(c) South-South cooperation for development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 9th, 10th and 11th meetings, on 17 and 18 October 2007. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/62/SR.9-11). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/62/SR.2-6). Action was taken on the item at the 14th and 29th meetings on 26 October and on 28 November (see A/C.2/62/SR.14 and 29). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in four parts, under the symbols A/62/424 and A/62/424/Add.1-3.

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Note by the Secretariat on the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme (A/C.2/62/L.6)

Letter dated 10 October 2007 from the Permanent Representatives of El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/486)

Item 59 (a)
Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/62/188)

Letter dated 19 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/211)

Item 59 (b)
Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations development system (A/62/73-E/2007/52)

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/62/74-E/2007/54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations development system: conclusions and recommendations (A/62/253)

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities of the United Nations system: 2006 update (A/62/326)

Letter dated 19 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/211)

Item 59 (c)
South-South cooperation for development

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (A/62/39)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (A/62/295)

Letter dated 30 May 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/155)

Letter dated 19 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/211)

Letter dated 1 November 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/62/10).

4. At the 9th meeting, on 17 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, who spoke on behalf of the Deputy Secretary-General (under sub-item b)); the ad interim Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (under sub-item (a)); and the Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme (under sub-item (c)) (see A/C.2/62/SR.9).

II. Consideration of the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in document A/C.2/62/L.6

5. At the 14th meeting, on 26 October, the Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the proposed amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in document A/C.2/62/L.6 as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2007/220 of 12 July 2007[1] (see A/C.2/62/SR.14).

6. At its 29th meeting, on 28 November, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it approve the amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in Economic and Social Council decision 2007/220 (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the following draft decision:

Amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly decides to approve the amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme contained in Economic and Social Council decision 2007/220 of 12 July 2007.

[1] E/2007/INF/2/Add.1